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Applicant: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No: CRSL115949
Application No: 09/724,287 Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: November 28, 2000 Examiner: Drew Becker
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PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 266-352.

Please add the following new Claims 353-421.

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353. (New) A method for producing meat having a proportional fat content, comprising:
providing at least a first and second stream of meat having at least fat;
treating at least the first and second streams with a bacteria-reducing agent;
measuring at least the fat content of the first and second streams;
transferring a controlled amount of the first and second streams to a vessel having
a selected gas;
blending the first and second streams in the vessel to provide a blended stream of
proportional fat content;
transferring the blended stream into a barrier package;
removing oxygen from the package;
sealing the package to contain the meat and gas with a free oxygen level lower
than the oxygen level of air; and
testing the meat for the presence of bacteria.

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	64	-	265	=	0	x	9	=	0
Independent Claims	5	-	105	=	0	x	42	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

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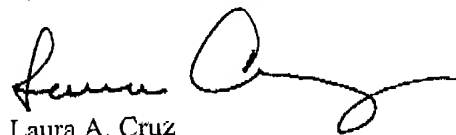
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

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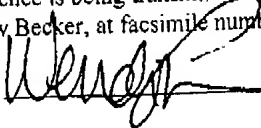
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